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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley Office of the Governor 1205 Pendleton Street Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

As Chairman of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Psychology, I am proud to support your Task Force on Domestic Violence and appreciate the attention that the Task Force has brought to this important issue. Our Board received information about the Task Force at our board meetings in 2015. We discussed the education available to our licensed professionals regarding domestic violence and support and encourage our licensees in becoming more educated relative to the Issues inherent to domestic violence. At the Board we are aware our licensees are on the front lines in providing assessments and therapy to both the victims and offenders of domestic violence. We strongly encourage our licensees to take part in continuing education that focuses on domestic violence.

In the New Year, we will be proposing a distribution to all of our licensees detailing the continuing education available, as well as other resources available to our clients so that our licensees may refer their clients for the appropriate services. Board Members Leporowski and Liggett are also studying what we as a Board may add to the available pool of continuing education course load.

I look forward to continuing to assist the Domestic Violence Task Force as well as furthering the goal of reducing domestic violence in South Carolina. Our Board will continue to contribute to that goal in any way we are able.

With kind regards,

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Chairman